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SEX OFFENDERS IN SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE GO ON CONTINUOUS MONITORING *GPS ROLLOUT TAKING PLACE IN CHATTANOOGA AREA FRIDAY*

Nashville, Tennessee --- The Board of Probation & Parole (BOPP) is expanding use of a powerful tool to strengthen supervision of sex offenders and other high-risk offenders in southeast Tennessee. State probation and parole officers, as well as local law enforcement, undergo training Friday on use of the new Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring equipment. This technology gives authorities another method to use in keeping tabs on convicted sexual predators and other violent offenders.

Reporters are invited to come by to see the new equipment, interview program experts and find out more about Tennessee's GPS expansion. There will not be a formal news conference.

WHO: State GPS Program Director Kirk Smith, BOPP
WHEN: Friday, October 12, 10:30am until 11:30am (EDT)
WHERE: BOPP Chattanooga District Office
540 McCallie Avenue, Suite 250

The Board of Probation and Parole (<http://www2.state.tn.us/bopp/home.htm>) is an independent seven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board is charged with the responsibility of deciding which eligible felony offenders will be granted parole and released from incarceration to community-based supervision. Along with the supervision of those granted parole, the Board is also responsible for supervising felony offenders who are placed on probation by criminal courts.

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